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1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO MAKE APPROACH TO ROTH DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. US RECENTLY MADE SEVERAL PROPOSALS TO THE FRG, I.E., REVISED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 AND 5 OF GUIDANCE (REF A, PARAS 2 AND 3) AND ACCEPTANCE OF FRG LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3BIS OF POSITION PAPER (REF B, PARA 7). THESE PROPOSALS REPRESENT A MAJOR EFFORT AT COMPROMISE WHICH WENT SOME DISTANCE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF FRG CONCERNS ON THE ISSUE OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT. WE HAD HOPED, AND STILL HOPE, THAT THE FRG WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE TO SUPPORT OUR COMPROMISE PROPOSAL IN SPC AND BRING ABOUT EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF SPC WORK ON OPTION III GUIDANCE.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE THE FRG AND OTHER ALLIES ATTACH TO THE TREATMENT OF THESE QUESTIONS IN THE GUIDANCE

AND ALLIED POSITION PAPER AND HAVE MOVED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE CONCERNS. IN OUR VIEW, THE REVISED PARA 3 AND PARA 5 OF THE GUIDANCE WOULD ADEQUATELY PROTECT FRG AND ALLIED INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS THE EAST WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTIONS ISSUES. IN ADDITION, PARA 3BIS OF THE POSITION PAPER PROVIDES AN ALLIED COMMITMENT THAT THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTIONS IN NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT IN PHASE II.

4. ANY FURTHER ELABORATION TO THE EAST WILL DETRACT FROM THE IMPACT OF OPTION III BY EMPHASIZING WHAT IS NOT IN THE OFFER RATHER THAN WHAT IS. SUCH A POSITION WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A CONSIDERED EASTERN RESPONSE THAT FOCUSES ON US REDUCTIONS. TO DWELL ON THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF REDUCTIONS OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT IN THE INITIAL STAGES WILL MERELY MAKE IT MORE LIKELY, IN OUR VIEW, THAT THIS TOPIC, RATHER THAN THE US NUCLEAR REDUCTIONS, WILL BE THE CHIEF FOCUS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EAST. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE IN OUR OR THE FRG'S INTEREST.

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5. ACCORDINGLY, WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FRG PROPOSAL (REF C, PARA 2) THAT, IN THE EVENT OF PRESSURE FROM THE EAST, THE COUNCIL SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY APPROVE GUIDANCE ALONG THE LINES OF PARA 3BIS STATING THAT REDUCTIONS ARE UNACCEPTABLE IN EITHER PHASE. IN OUR VIEW, FRG LANGUAGE WOULD TOO RIGIDLY RESTRICT ALLIED FLEXIBILITY IN DECIDING WHEN AND HOW TO RESPOND TO THE EAST.

6. WE SHOULD LIKE AGAIN TO STRESS THAT OUR PROPOSALS REPRESENT A SERIOUS EFFORT ON OUR PART TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE FRG, AND WE AGAIN URGE THE FRG TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT CANNOT SUPPORT THE APPROACH WE HAVE PROPOSED..

7. USNATO 6042 HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED. YOU SHOULD ALSO TELL ROTH THAT FRG "COMPROMISE TEXT" ON PARAGRAPHS 4-10 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE DEALING WITH LIMITATIONS ON ALLIED ARMAMENTS IS IN OUR OPINION A STEP BACKWARDS. REMARKS IN ABOVE PARAGRAPHS APPLY TO THIS LATEST FRG APPROACH AS WELL. KISSINGER

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